



# 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM

## ASSESSMENT DIVISION

### SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium -

#### *Establishing Information Technology systems architecture*

The SMARTER Balanced IT systems architecture will serve as development guidelines for future Consortium contracts, including contracts to develop the item authoring, item banking, test design, test administration, scoring and reporting systems, as well as the digital library of formative tools and resources for teachers.

The Technology Approach Work Group led the development of the IT systems architecture, in partnership with Measured Progress, during a three-month period that began in September 2011. The reports are available here: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/Resources.aspx>.

The IT systems architecture provides enterprise-level technology specifications for the SMARTER Balanced assessment system. This framework will inform the next phase of system development, including standards for individual software components, such as the test administration system that will deliver assessments to students and establish minimum requirements for computers and bandwidth at the school level.

*"A comprehensive technology blueprint is an indispensable step in the development of the SMARTER Balanced assessment system. Just as the blueprint of a house shows how rooms are arranged, this document defines how each of the technology components will work together so that the entire assessment system meets the needs of policymakers, teachers, parents, and students,"* said Tony Alpert, chief operating officer of SMARTER Balanced.

For more information, please visit [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org).

#### Important Dates:

~ Spring IRI Testing: April 9 - May 11 (Reporting closes June 1)

~ SAT Test Center Staff Training: Feb. 20 - April 9

~ SAT Registration deadline: April 4

~ SAT Test materials arrive to schools: April 16

~ SAT School Day Testing: Wednesday, April 18

~ SAT School Make-up Day Testing: Thursday, April 26

~ ACCUPLACER Testing: March 26-May 4

~ ERI Step 1 Closes: May 4

### SAT/ACCUPLACER



SAT® School Day

#### EDUID

The Education Unique Identifier (EDUID) is used to assign and verify unique IDs for individuals associated with educational programs in the state of Idaho, students and staff. EDUIDs are an essential element in the Idaho System for Educational Excellence (ISEE), the longitudinal data system currently in development by the Idaho State Department of Education. They allow for the accurate collection and reporting of student data.

Every student in your school should have an EDUID. The EDUID should be found in your student information system (SIS), such as Powerschool or Schoolmaster. If it is not available there, please contact your technology coordinator who can look up the EDUID for you.

If the student is brand new to the school, that student may not have an EDUID yet. They will need to acquire an EDUID using the same method used for all new students at the time of registration.

You can learn more about the EDUID online in the EDUID application manual: [https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/EDUID/Content/files/EDUID\\_User\\_Manual.pdf](https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/EDUID/Content/files/EDUID_User_Manual.pdf).

If you have further questions specific to EDUID, you can contact Todd King, [tking@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tking@sde.idaho.gov).

#### SAT REGISTRATION

SAT Registration **opened February 6th** and the **deadline is April 4th**. Click here to register: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/schoolday/idaho-student>. Information on how to register is on this site. If you need further information please contact the College Board.

#### The OFFICIAL SAT Online Course

Students still have access to the Online Course to take practice tests, participate in interactive lessons, and much more. Your school's guidance counselor can help register students for access.

#### WEBINARS and TRAININGS

The webinars held in Jan. and Feb. are posted on the SDE SAT site: [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SAT\\_ACCUPLACERwebinars.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SAT_ACCUPLACERwebinars.htm).

The webinar *Getting Ready for Idaho SAT School Day* is password protected. Please contact Stephanie Martin, [smartin@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:smartin@sde.idaho.gov) for password.

For more detailed information please contact the following:

#### SAT:

Idaho Dedicated Support Line: [1-800-416-5137](tel:1-800-416-5137)

For Educators: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/schoolday/idaho-educator>

For Students and Parents: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/schoolday/idaho-student?excmid=MTG122-ST-1-sdt>

#### ACCUPLACER:

Julius Jones - [jjones@collegeboard.org](mailto:jjones@collegeboard.org)

Brett Miller - [bmiller@collegeboard.org](mailto:bmiller@collegeboard.org)

For additional questions please review our FAQ on our webpage (<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SAT.htm>) or you can contact Stephanie Martin at [smartin@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:smartin@sde.idaho.gov).

## 21st Century Classroom Assessment Division

### ISAT

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. MST:** ISAT Training for **New** District Test Coordinators

DRC will be providing a training session for all New District Test Coordinators. This training session is being provided for any Test Coordinator who has **not** been to an administration training session for the ISAT previously or who would like to have a full review of the procedures for administering the ISAT. This training session will focus on:

**Uploading and editing student data**

**Preparing for testing**

**Post test activities**

**Administering the ISAT**

**Operation Systems Support**

**Note:** There is no need to register for this training session. You may join by using the WebEx training session link that was provided via email. If you did not receive the email, please contact DRC and they will resend the message.

**Note:** The ISAT Training Session for NEW District Test Coordinators will last approximately 1.5 hours.

#### **ISAT Training for District Test Coordinators**

DRC will be providing training sessions for all District Test Coordinators. This training session is intended to cover **only the changes** from previous administrations and to briefly review standard ISAT procedures.

We invite all District Test Coordinators to join us during *one* of the following training sessions:

**February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. MST**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. MST**

**February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. MST**

**Note:** There is no need to register for this training session. You may join by using the WebEx training session link that was provided via email. If you did not receive the email, please contact DRC and they will resend the message.

#### **Customer Service**

*If you need assistance, please contact the ISAT Project Team at 1-866-572-2050 or e-mail at [ISAT@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:ISAT@datarecognitioncorp.com).*

## IELA

The 2012 Idaho English Language Assessment (IELA) testing window is February 20 through March 30, 2012. Please read the following important information to ensure that you are prepared for the administration.

### **ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING**

As in previous years, PowerPoint presentation(s) were prepared to assist in the administration of the IELA. For 2012, there was a training specifically for new test coordinators administering the assessment for the first time as well as a condensed training for those already familiar with the IELA, which highlighted the key points to include what's new for 2012.

The PowerPoints can be found at the IELA Administration webpage, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/admin.htm>, if you were unable to attend the training webinar presentations.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF TEST MATERIALS**

Test materials, based on the Pre-ID student information imported into Service Point were shipped to Districts on February 1 and should have been received within 3-5 business days. Some additional materials, to be used for any new students, will also be included.

**Note:** Due to production time, Braille and Enlarged Print orders were distributed one week after the main materials shipment.

If you require additional student or examiner materials, you must enter enrollment counts in Service Point during the ordering window of February 7-March 21. Instructions on how to place your additional materials order are included in the IELA Spring 2012 Information – Ordering Materials 01-24-12 document, under the District Communication heading, on the IELA Administration webpage, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/admin.htm/>.

### **SPRING 2012 IELA REPORTING PERIOD**

A successful upload to ISEE will be required for IELA reporting purposes.

During the IELA pre-ID window, several districts' IELA data was not successfully uploaded to ISEE, thus preventing a successful file export to Questar for testing purposes. Through this process, several common issues were determined; for more information on common issues and updates, please visit the IELA Administration webpage, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/admin.htm/>, and access the Spring 2012 IELA Reporting Period -2-08-12 document, under the District Communication heading.

*If you have IELA questions or concerns, please contact Nichole Hall at (208) 332-6933 or [nhall@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:nhall@sde.idaho.gov).*

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**"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot harder to make a difference."  
~ Tom Brokaw ~**

### Formative Assessment

The Assessment Alignment Project continues with alignment workshops taking place in March and April. In these workshops educators from around Idaho come together to examine state released test items and their alignment to the Common Core State Standards and/or the Idaho Content Standards. Assessment items from states and districts continue to be entered into ISEE/Schoolnet as part of the Assessment Alignment Project. We have focused on core content areas of Math, English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. Five thousand items have been added to the existing 2500 items from last summer, and the project plan is to reach 10,000 items by mid-March 2012. These items are searchable by standard, grade, and content area and can be used to construct interim assessments or as artifacts in the formative assessment process, thereby assisting teachers in making adjustments to instruction throughout the year.

*What exactly IS formative assessment? "The label 'formative' is applied incorrectly when used as a label for an assessment instrument." (Stiggins, 2001; Wiliam, 2006; Wiliam & Black, 1996). The Council for Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) defines Formative Assessment this way: Formative assessment is a process used by teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning 'in real time' to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes. (FAST SCASS Oct. 2006)*

- A **PROCESS** used during instruction
- Includes **FEEDBACK** to adjust on-going teaching and learning
- **INFORMS** daily instructional decisions about student and class
- The **TIMING** is controlled by the teacher
- It is **LINKED** to daily/weekly objectives and/or activities in support of standards
- **RESULTS** reported short cycle and used in 'real time'
- Administration is **CONTINUAL**
- The **DESIGN** is related to learner characteristics

Next month we will cover how formative assessment differs from interim assessment.

Contact Nancy Thomas Price, Coordinator of Formative & Interim Assessment for more information.

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### IRI/ERI

IRI Spring testing is just right around the corner. In the beginning of February the IRI Materials Request form was sent out. The deadline to return the form is March 2nd. Please email or fax to Stephanie Martin, [smartin@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:smartin@sde.idaho.gov) or 208-334-2228. Spring testing begins April 9th and ends May 11th. The reporting deadline is June 1st.

ERI Step 1 deadline is Friday, May 4th. Please be sure to complete the application so your entire district will receive their funding. The State no longer needs the Assurance form, so you will not see this within the application. Funding will be sent out in June. Districts will be reimbursed approximately **\$94.50** per student scoring a 1 on the fall IRI. ERI application approval will begin within the next two months. You should receive an automatic email stating that your application has been approved or denied. If you do not receive an email, either your application has not been completed, or you have not hit the submit button. Please double check your application. **Reminder - passwords expire after 160 days. Also, if you need permissions to the ERI site, please contact your district ISEE manager.**

For more information please contact Stephanie Martin,  
[smartin@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:smartin@sde.idaho.gov).

### Assessment Monitoring Tool

We are rapidly approaching the end of the first cycle of monitoring. The state will be contacting selected districts by early March for on-site visits. **NOTE: NOT ALL DISTRICTS WILL RECEIVE AN ON-SITE VISIT.** The on-site visits will be conducted during the testing windows for the various tests.

All uploads to the Assessment monitoring tool are due by **Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 MST.**

Please contact Dr. Angela Rishell if you have any questions:

1-208-332-6976 [arishell@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:arishell@sde.idaho.gov).

### ISAT Alt. & IRI Alt.

**ISAT Alt:** The window for ISAT Alt submissions is coming to a close. All artifacts for the ISAT Alt must be submitted in IPASS before midnight on February 29<sup>th</sup>. *If teachers are unable to access IPASS please have them contact Toni Wheeler as soon as possible at: [tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov).*

**Test Coordinators:** You can monitor the progress of artifact submission for your district by selecting District Summary under the Validation Reports link on the IPASS home page: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/ipass> after logging in. This tool allows you to get a quick overview of the submission status for your district and schools. *If you need directions for navigating this link, contact: [tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov).*

**IRI-Alt:** The IRI Alt window is approaching. Teachers with students who qualify for the IRI Alt can find test materials and instructions at the Idaho Training Clearinghouse, <http://itcnew.idahotc.com/>, under the Alternate Assessment Learning Community AA Documents link. IRI-Alt paperwork must be mailed to the SDE, c/o Toni Wheeler by June 3, 2012.

For more information please contact Toni Wheeler,  
[tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov).

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